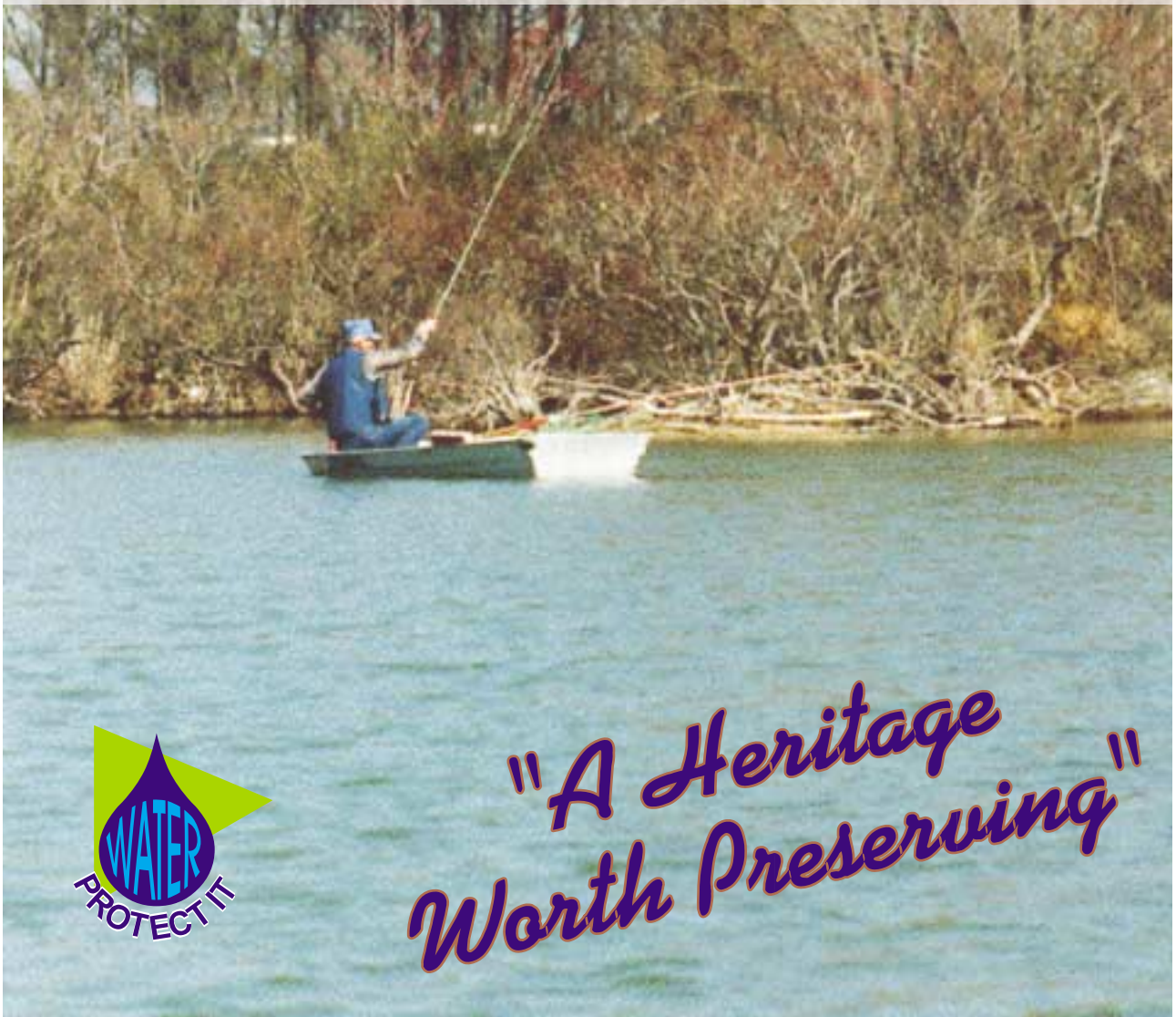


# *City of* **Norfolk**

## RESERVOIR SYSTEM



*"A Heritage  
Worth Preserving"*

*Welcome to ...*

# *The Norfolk Reservoir System*

The Norfolk Water System owns and maintains 10 man-made reservoirs located in four southside Hampton Roads cities and Isle of Wight County. These reservoirs are grouped into two major systems. The Intown Reservoir System is made up of Lake Whitehurst, Lake Wright, Lake Taylor, Little Creek Reservoir, Lake Lawson, Lake Smith and Stumpy Lake. The Western Reservoir System includes Lake Burnt Mills, Lake Prince and the Western Branch Reservoir.

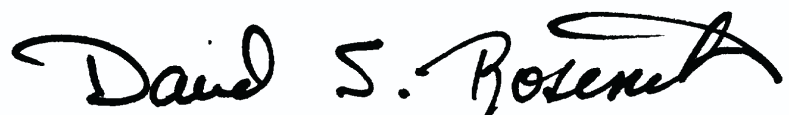
The responsibility for the protection and management of these reservoir systems lies with the Norfolk Department of Utilities. Regulations have been enacted to protect the water quality of the reservoirs and the public property surrounding them to ensure enjoyment of the reservoir system by all citizens.

The reservoir system is vital in supplying water to 700,000 people in the Hampton Roads area. Currently, the Norfolk Department of Utilities supplies treated water to the citizens of Norfolk and Virginia Beach, parts of the City of Chesapeake, and all Department of Defense installations in Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

In addition to providing most of southside Hampton Roads with fresh water, our lakes are a regional asset valued by residents enjoying their scenic beauty, teachers using them as an environmental education resource, and fishermen and canoers who appreciate recreation on the lakes.

This brochure outlines many of the rules and guidelines dealing with fishing and boating on our lakes. Detailed regulations and policies are available from the Department of Utilities at (757) 441-5678.

***Enjoying recreational activities on our reservoirs is a privilege.*** Please act within all protective guidelines. Our lakes are a resource worth preserving.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Rosenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "A" at the end.

David S. Rosenthal, CLM  
Reservoir Manager  
Norfolk Department of Utilities

# *General Guidelines*

A City permit for boating on our reservoirs is required. An annual permit extends from January 1 to December 31. Daily permits are also available. City of Norfolk boating permits can be purchased at the Department of Utilities, 400 Granby Street, or the various fishing stations (see map). In addition to a City boating permit, a State fishing license is required for fishing on City reservoirs.



All people fishing in Norfolk's reservoirs must follow regulations established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in addition to City regulations.



Patrol officers enforce rules and regulations governing fishing, boating, safety and general sanitation on City property.



Fishing and boating permits must be produced for inspection when requested by any patrol officer.



City reservoirs and boat launching facilities are open sunrise to sunset.



Carrying or discharging firearms or fireworks on City property is prohibited.



Use of loud radios is prohibited.

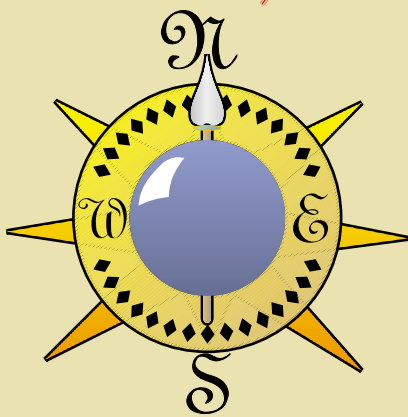
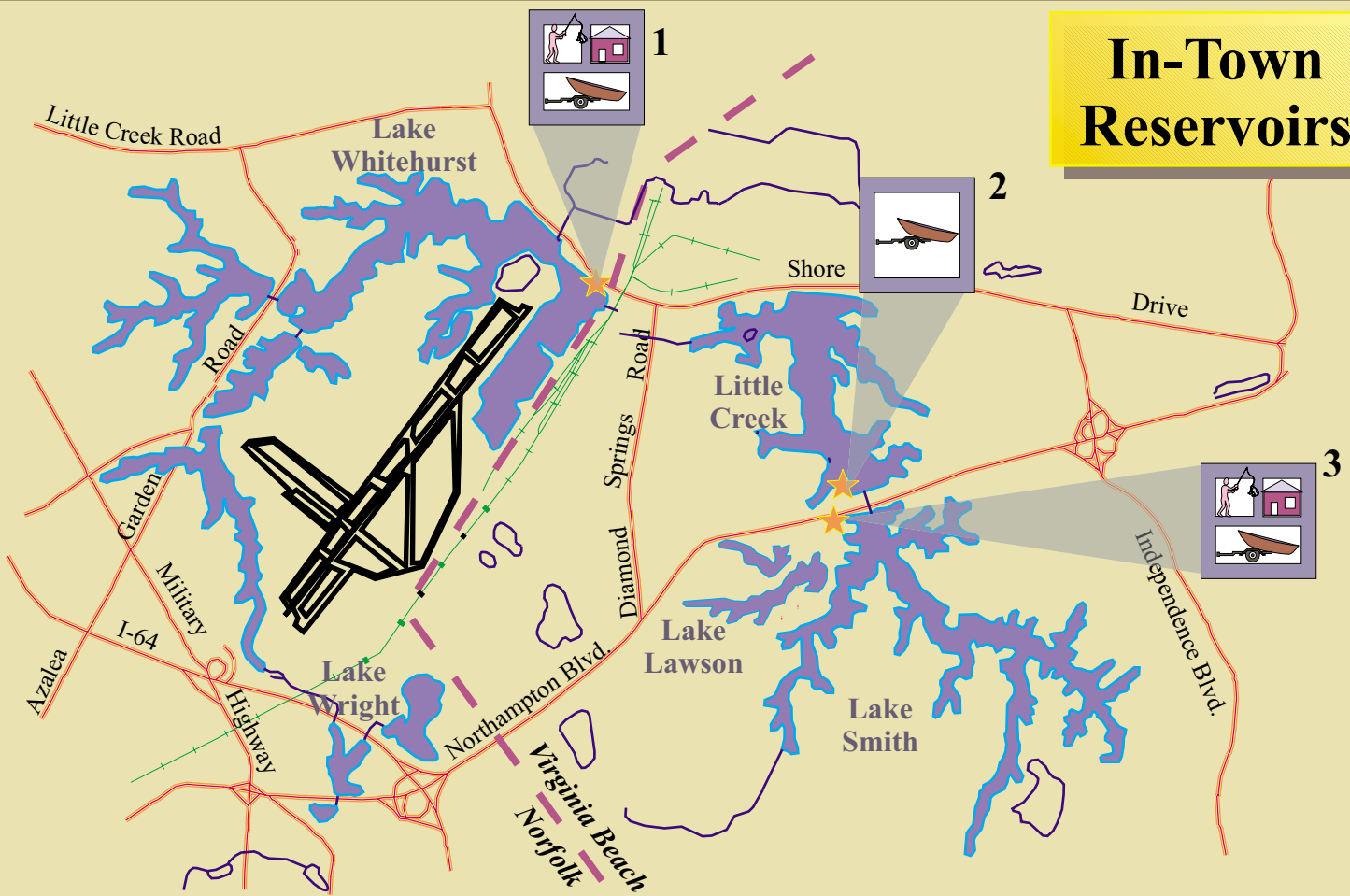


Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

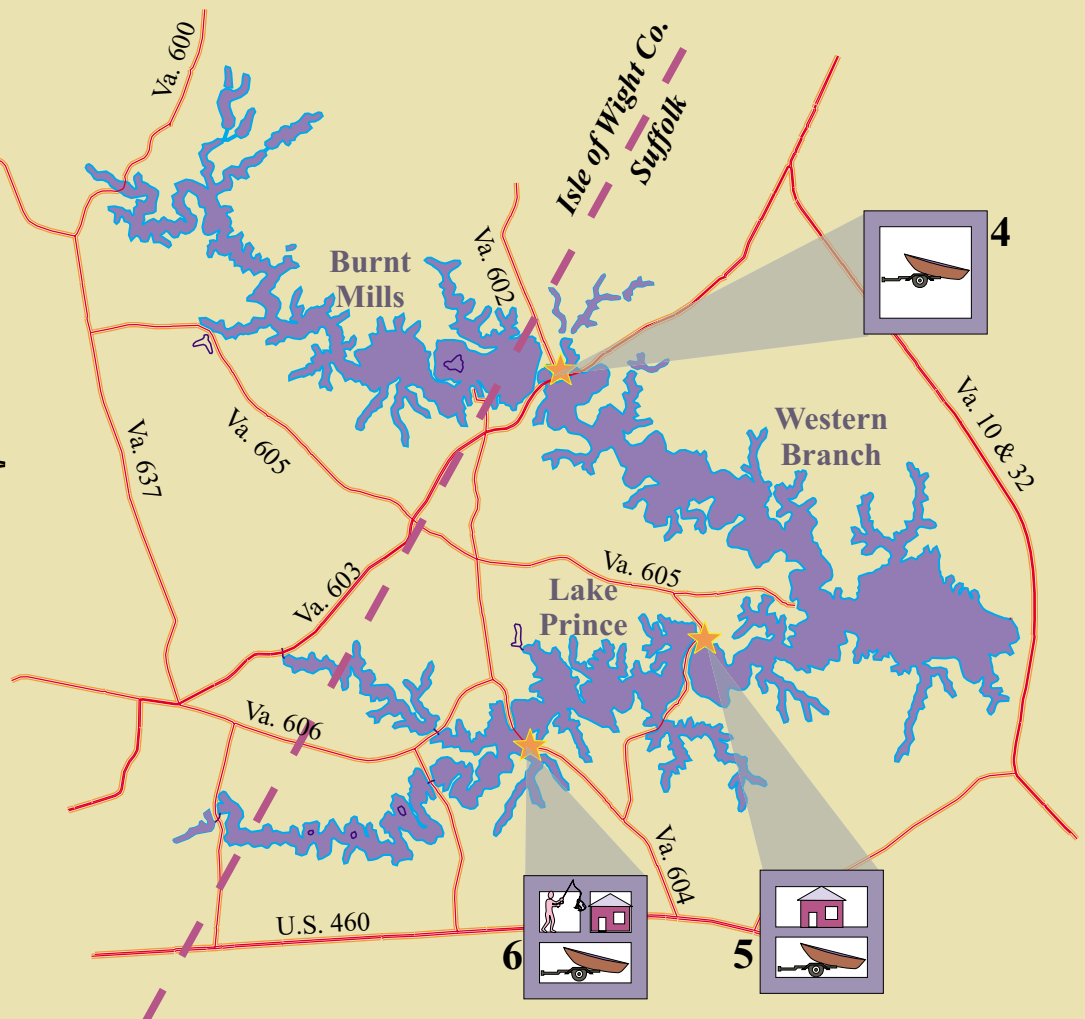


Fishing from shore is allowed only in designated areas.

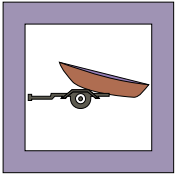
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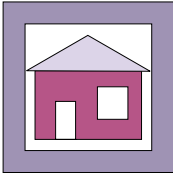
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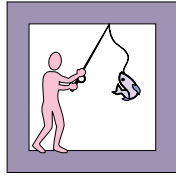
# Map Key



Boat  
Launch



Fishing  
Station



Fishing  
from Shore

## *Fishing Rules*

**Permit holders may fish only in areas designated on their permits.**

**No fishing from shore is permitted except in designated areas at Lake Prince, Lake Smith and Lake Whitehurst fishing stations.**

**Fish may be caught only with rod, line and baited hooks -- no**

- 1 Lake Whitehurst** -- Shore Dr., 1/2-mile west of the intersection of Shore Dr. and Diamond Springs Rd.
- 2 Little Creek** -- north side of Northampton Blvd., across from the Lake Smith fishing station.
- 3 Lake Smith** -- intersection of Northampton Blvd. and Shell Rd.
- 4 Lake Burnt Mills** -- off State Route 602, across from Kirk's Lumber.
- 5 Western Branch** -- where State Route 605 crosses Western Branch Reservoir, on the north side of the road.
- 6 Lake Prince** -- where State Route 604 crosses Lake Prince, on the south side of the road.

*Fishing and boating are allowed only in designated areas. Stumpy Lake is closed to all recreational use.*

## *Boating Rules*

All boats must have a city of Norfolk boat permit. This includes canoes and kayaks.

A boat identification tag, issued with each permit, must be securely attached to the left bow of the boat in plain view.

Powered boats may be used for fishing only. Outboard motors must not exceed 12 HP.

Boats may be launched only from designated launching areas.

Persons under age 12 may not operate a boat unless accompanied by an adult.

Coast Guard approved safety equipment is required for each person in a boat.

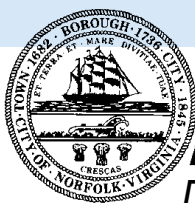
The use of water skis, jet skis, surfboards, tubes, rafts and other inflatables is prohibited, as are pontoon, paddle, house boats and sail boats.

Protecting Norfolk's reservoir system is everyone's responsibility. When out fishing on the lakes, be careful with your trash. If you take it out, bring it back.

Even when not out on the water, your actions can have an effect on it. The area that drains into a body of water is called a watershed. Anything poured onto the ground in a watershed eventually makes its way into the water. This has presented challenges to the Norfolk Department of Utilities whose job it is to remove impurities and keep the water safe for 700,000 people.

There are many things residents can do to help preserve the reservoirs. Always take used motor oil to an official disposal site. Do not over-fertilize your lawn, and use a low- or non-phosphorus fertilizer. Do not pour hazardous fluids down city storm drains -- that's the fast route to the reservoirs.

Do not dump paper or other garbage into the water. Remember, ***what you dump, you may drink.***



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